

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
establishing a user profile for the user based on various interests of the user;
establishing a virtual unified space including a virtual library;
populating the virtual library with a plurality of different virtual media collections in accordance with the user profile, wherein the plurality of the different virtual media collections includes information obtained directly from a broadcasted television signal; wherein the broadcasted television signal is an analog television signal; and
browsing the virtual library by moving between the plurality of different media collections under user control.
2. (Currently amended) ~~The method as in claim 1~~ receiver apparatus of claim 15, wherein the populator populates the virtual library with virtual media collections, wherein the plurality of the different virtual media collections includes information obtained directly from an analog television signal.
3. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 1 wherein the plurality of the different virtual media collections includes information obtained from a vertical blanking interval of an analog television signal.
4. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein the plurality of the different virtual media collections includes information received from a radio, a cable, and a satellite broadcast.
5. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein the user profile establishing

step comprises:

presenting a variety of questions to the user about the user's interests; and
creating a user profile based on the user's answers to the questions.

6. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein the populating step comprises:
acquiring information items from a plurality of information sources of different media
type in accordance with the user profile; and

placing the information items into the virtual multiple media collections based on their
respective information sources.

7. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein the populating step comprises:
comparing the user profile with a collective profile database to establish a similar
collective profile;

acquiring information items from a plurality of information sources of different media
type in accordance with the collective profile; and

placing the information items into the virtual multiple media collections based on their
respective information sources.

8. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 7 further comprising:
identifying a selection of at least one of the information items by the user from one of the
media collections; and

updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

9. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein the media collections comprises
respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

identifying a selection of at least one of the information items by the user from one of the
media collections; and

updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

10. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 further comprising augmenting the user

profile in accordance with a collaborative data base.

11. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1 further comprising:
searching the virtual unified space with a search engine under user control; and
updating the user profile in accordance with the searching step.
12. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 11 further comprising storing results of
the searching step as media collections in the unified space for browsing by the user.
13. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 12 further comprising filtering the results
of the searching step in accordance with the user profile.
14. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 13 further comprising prioritizing results
of the searching step in accordance with the user profile.
15. (Previously presented) A receiver apparatus for obtaining content from multiple
information sources for viewing by a viewer, comprising:
an input/output ("I/O") controller including an Internet connection input, a video output,
and a selector input;
an adaptive user profile database;
a filter coupled to the adaptive user profile database, the filter being coupled to the I/O
controller for filtering information from the Internet connection input in accordance with the
adaptive user profile database;
an output display device configured to display a virtual unified space including a virtual
library transmitted through the video output;
a populator that populates the virtual library with virtual multiple media collections using
the filtered information from the filter;
a browser that browses the virtual library by moving between multiple media collections
in accordance with the selector input; and
a recommender that recommends virtual media in the virtual multiple media collections

in the virtual library to a user based on a user profile for the user.

16. (Previously presented) The receiver apparatus as in claim 15 wherein the media collections comprises respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

an identifier that identifies a selection of one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

an updater that updates the adaptive user profile database in accordance with the identifying step.

17. (Previously presented) The receiver apparatus as in claim 16 wherein the virtual multiple media collections include information obtained from a broadcasted television signal and the Internet.

18. (Previously presented) The receiver apparatus as in claim 17 wherein the I/O controller further comprising an input for receiving television programs, including additional information through the television program and electronic program guide information, the filter being coupled to the I/O controller for filtering information from the television program input in accordance with the adaptive user profile database.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having program logic recorded thereon for enabling a computer-enabled apparatus to display personalized information for a user from multiple information sources, comprising:

means a populator for populating a virtual library with a plurality of different virtual media collections in accordance with a user profile, wherein the virtual library is populated with different types of media obtained from different media sources; and

means a browser for browsing the virtual library by moving between the plurality of different media collections under user control.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as in claim 19 wherein the media

collections comprises respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

| ~~means an~~ identifier for identifying a selection of one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

| ~~means an~~ updater for updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

21. (Previously presented) The computer program product as in claim 20 wherein the different media sources include internet data and a broadcasted television signal.